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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
PO BOX 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 26, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

A petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action for one month, from February 26, 2004 to March 26, 2004 is being submitted concurrently herewith. In the event that one is not, applicants hereby make such petition and authorize the office to charge deposit account 23-0455 the required amount.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 21 of this paper.

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 52, line 3, with the following amended paragraph:

Preparation of 4-Chloro-2-(1H tetrazol-5-yl)-phenyl-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenyl)-amine

Please replace the paragraph at page 54, lines 1-2, with the following amended paragraph:

Step e: Preparation of 4-Chloro-2-(1H tetrazol-5-yl)-phenyl-(4-iodo-2-methyl-phenyl)-amine